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SUBJECT: AUGUST 30 PRESS BRIEFING: ANNOUNCEMENT KISSINGER-VORSTER MEETING

1. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, ROBERT FUNSETH, AT AUGUST 30 PRESS BRIEFING, ANNOUNCED THAT SECRETARY IS MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND SEPTEMBER 4 - 6.

2. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS OF BRIEFING (BEGIN TEXT):

FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS CONDUCTED IN WASHINGTON AND THE TALKS WHICH UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE SCHAUFELE HAVE HAD IN AFRICA, THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER

HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND FROM SEPTEMBER 4 TO 6.

ON HIS WAY TO ZURICH, THE SECRETARY WILL STOP IN LONDON ON SEPTEMBER 3 TO DISCUSS WITH SENIOR BRITISH OFFICIALS THE STATUS OF OUR CONSULTATIONS. ONCE THE TALKS IN ZURICH ARE COMPLETED, THE SECRETARY WILL RETURN TO LONDON TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS.

THAT IS THE END OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT. BUT I ALSO WANTED TO ADD, BY WAY OF INFORMATION, THAT AFTER THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS IN LONDON ARE COMPLETED, WE WILL DECIDE HOW BEST TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSULTATIONS.

UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELD MAY RETURN TO AFRICA, OR IT IS POSSIBLE THE SECRETARY HIMSELF MAY TRAVEL TO AFRICA AFTER THE SECOND MEETING IN LONDON.

Q WHAT WILL HELP DETERMINE THAT? CAN YOU GIVE ANY GENERAL GUIDELINES, BOB?

A WE WILL JUST HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE ZURICH TALKS.

Q CAN YOU SAY WHETHER YOU ARE LOOKING SPECIFICALLY FOR PROGRESS ON THE RHODESIAN SITUATION AND ALSO ON SOUTHWEST AFRICA?

A AS IN THE PAST, WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS ON ALL OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS. BUT I AM NOT ABLE TO TELL YOU SPECIFICALLY WHAT GUIDELINE OR RULER TO USE.

Q FOR MORE THAN A WEEK NOW YOU HAVE BEEN SAYING, ON THE BASIS OF WHAT SCHAUFELD AND ROGERS REPORT BACK TO WASHINGTON THE SECRETARY WILL DECIDE WHETHER HE WILL MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER.

CAN YOU GIVE US SOME IDEA OF WHAT IT WAS, WHAT THE GOOD UNCLASSIFIED

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NEWS WAS, WHAT THE BAD NEWS?

A I CAN'T REALLY ANSWER YOUR QUESTION. BASED ON THE INFORMATION AND THE REPORTS OF THE UNDER SECRETARY AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY, THE SECRETARY HAS NOW DECIDED TO MEET WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER. BUT I REALLY CANNOT GO BEYOND THAT.

Q BOB, WAS HIS MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER
CONDITIONAL ON THE REPORT HE WOULD GET, OR HE HAS GOTTEN,
FROM SCHAUFELE AND ROGERS?

A THAT IS CORRECT.

Q SO THE SCHAUFELE AND ROGERS REPORT MUST SUGGEST THAT HE
GO AHEAD AND THAT THERE IS A BASIS FOR CONTINUING THIS
INITIATIVE, ISN'T IT?

A THAT IS INFERRED IN THE FACT THAT HE HAS NOW DECIDED TO
MEET WITH THEM. THE PROCESS IS CONTINUING.

Q THAT IS WHAT BERNIE WOULD CALL THE GOOD NEWS. NOW, HOW
ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF BAD NEWS, THAT ONLY THE SECRE-
TARY CAN PULL THIS ONE OUT OF THE FIRE. HOW IS THAT? IS
THAT POSSIBLE, TOO?

A THE PROCESS IS CONTINUING. THE SECRETARY INDICATED,
DURING THE FIRST MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER IN GERMANY
THAT WE WOULD REMAIN IN TOUCH. AND THE POSSIBILITY WAS
ALWAYS OPEN THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH HIM AGAIN. AND I THINK
THAT IS IN THE CONTEXT IN WHICH YOU SHOULD SEE THE DECISION.

Q IS THE POSSIBILITY FOR A SETTLEMENT, OR FOR A NEGO-
TIATED SETTLEMENT, BETTER NOW THAN IT WAS BEFORE
SCHAUFELE AND ROGERS WENT TO AFRICA?

A I AM REALLY NOT ABLE TO GO BEYOND WHAT I HAVE ANNOUNCED.

Q I MUST AGREE WITH BERNIE. YOU KNOW, FOR A WEEK, NOW, WE
HAVE BEEN WRITING THAT BASED ON THIS SUPER-DUPER MISSION,
HE WILL MAKE A DECISION. NOW, YOU HAVE NOT TO BE ABLE TO
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GIVE US SOMETHING THAT WE CAN REPORT AS A RESULT OF THIS.

A THE RESULT IS A DECISION HAS NOW BEEN MADE TO HAVE A
SECOND MEETING.

Q WE HAVE TO HAVE AN ELEMENT, I WOULD THINK--AT LEAST GOOD
NEWS OR BAD NEWS.

A I AM NOT GOING TO TRY TO PUT IT IN AN "EITHER-OR"
CHOICE. THEY ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA,
CONTINUE THEIR TALKS.

I WOULD REMIND YOU THAT THE SECRETARY WILL BE GIVING AN
ADDRESS TOMORROW, ABOUT NOW, ON U.S. POLICY IN AFRICA. AND
PERHAPS THAT SPEECH WILL PROVIDE YOU MORE INFORMATION THAN

I AM ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU TODAY.

Q WHAT WILL DETERMINE WHETHER THE SECRETARY OR MESSRS. ROGERS AND SCHAUFELA GO BACK TO AFRICA. WHAT WILL BE THE ELEMENT OF THAT DECISION?

A I CANNOT ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

Q ARE YOU SAYING THAT THERE WILL BE ANOTHER MISSION TO AFRICA.

A YES, THAT'S THE THINKING NOW.

Q EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER WILL GO.

A CONSULTATIONS WILL CONTINUE.

Q IF THEY SHOULD GO BACK TO AFRICA INSTEAD OF THE SECRETARY, HOW LONG OF A TRIP WILL THAT BE?

A THAT HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED.

Q MIGHT THE SECRETARY GO TO AFRICA FROM LONDON?

A THAT IS WHAT I SAID, YES.

Q DIRECT FROM LONDON, WITHOUT COMING BACK TO WASHINGTON,
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FIRST.

A THAT IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY, IF THAT IS THE DECISION WHICH IS MADE.

Q WHERE WILL HE GO?

A I AM JUST NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WHERE HE WOULD VISIT AND HIS CONSULTATIONS BEFORE THE DECISION IS MADE.

Q CAN WE ASSUME IT IS THE REGION HE IS WORKING ON?

A CORRECT.

Q CAN WE ASSUME IT WILL BE THE SAME COUNTRIES THAT MR. SCHAUFELA AND MR. ROGERS HAVE JUST VISITED?

A THEY VISITED THE FOUR CONFRONTATION STATE, BUT--

Q IS YOUR ANSWER YES?

A I AM JUST NOT ABLE TO TELL YOU TODAY, BEFORE THE

DECISION IS MADE.

Q ARE YOU PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN DISCUSSING WITH COUNTRIES
IN AFRICA WHO MAY VISIT THERE?

A I AM JUST NOT IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS CONTINGENCY TYPE
ARRANGEMENTS, BUT I AM EMPHASIZING THAT A DECISION HAS NOT
BEEN MADE, AND IT WILL NOT BE MADE, UNTIL THE SECRETARY
HAS CONCLUDED HIS TALKS IN ZURICH, RETURNED TO LONDON, AND
CONFERRRED WITH THE BRITISH AGAIN.

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Q DO YOU STILL EXCLUDE FACE-TO-FACE CONTACTS WITH THE
RHODESIAN REGIME?

A YES, AS OF NOW.

Q AS A MATTER OF FACT, BOB, THERE HAS BEEN NOTHING SUB-
STANTIVE SAID ABOUT ANY OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH
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THE SECRETARY IS ENGAGED, OR EXACTLY WHAT IT IS THE UNITED
STATES WANTS TO DO.

A WE HAVE SAID WHAT WE WANT TO DO, MURREY. WE WANT A
RAPID PROGRESS TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND A PEACEFUL
SOLUTION TO THIS POLITICAL PROCESS. THAT IS THE GOAL
IN RHODESIA, AS WELL AS THE OVER-ALL GOAL IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA.

BUT, AS WE HAVE--AND I CAN APPRECIATE YOUR PRESSING ME FOR
QUESTIONS--BUT THE FACT IS, AS WE HAVE TRIED TO EXPLAIN,
THAT GIVEN THE DELICACY AND COMPLEXITY OF THIS DIPLO-
MATIC PROBLEM, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GO INTO THE
SUBSTANCE.

Q DOES THE SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH MR VORSTER ALSO
INCLUDE THE VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA IN RECENT WEEKS?

A I SAID THAT IT INCLUDED ALL OF THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN
AFRICA. I WAS NOT SUGGESTING THERE IS AN EXCLUSIVITY TO
THE AGENDA OF TOPICS WHICH THEY WILL TALK ABOUT.

Q SO, THESE MEETINGS CONCERN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA, THE IN-
TERNAL VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA?

A THEY CONCERN THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

Q WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA?

I AM SERIOUS. WE KNOW WHAT THEY WERE ON APRIL 27TH. I
WANT TO KNOW ABOUT TODAY.

A THE PROBLEMS REMAIN THE SAME. THE PROBLEMS OF MOVING
TOWARDS MAJORITY RULE AND SELF-DETERMINATION IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA, BY PEACEFUL MEANS.

Q IN THAT RESPECT, WHEN HE WAS IN LUSAKA ON APRIL 27TH,
ONE OF THE TEN-POINT PROGRAMS WAS TO GET REPEAL OF THE BYRD
AMENDMENT. HAS THAT CHANGED? BECAUSE EVERYTHING ELSE
REMAINED THE SAME.

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A NO, THAT HAS NOT CHANGED.

Q THEN WHY HASN'T THE ADMINISTRATION TRIED TO DO ANYTHING
ABOUT IT?

A THAT IS A DECISION WHICH IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE MADE
BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE CONGRESS ON THAT MOVE-
MENT. BUT THE ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO SEEK A REPEAL
OF THAT AMENDMENT REMAINS.

Q BOB, YOU HAVE SAID NOTHING SUBSTANTIVE HERE AT ALL ABOUT
THIS VISIT. DOES THIS MEETING WITH MR. VORSTER REPRESENT
THE FACT THAT THINGS HAVE GONE BADLY SINCE HIS LAST MEET-
ING, NAMELY THAT NAMIBIA'S DATE HAS NOT BEEN MET TO MEET
THE U.N. TERMS, THAT THERE HAS BEEN INCREASED VIOLENCE IN
SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF?

A I WOULD NOT TIE THE SECOND MEETING TO THESE MOST RECENT
INCIDENTS. RATHER, I WOULD VIEW IT IN THE PROCESS FLOWING
FROM THE FIRST MEETING, AND WITH THE CONSULTATIONS WE HAVE
MADE WITH THE INTERESTED PARTIES SINCE THAT FIRST MEETING,
CONCLUDING MOST RECENTLY WITH MR. ROGERS AND MR. SCHAUFELE.

Q I AM TRYING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS MEETING REPRESENTS
PROGRESS OR RETROGRESSION.

A THE PROCESS IS CONTINUING, BUT I AM NOT ABLE, AT THIS
POINT, TO CHARACTERIZE IT.

Q BOB, THE SOUTH AFRICANS SAID LAST WEEK, AFTER THE
REVEREND JESSE JACKSON MEETING, THAT THE TOPIC OF SOUTH
AFRICA'S INTERNAL POLICY WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TALKS
BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND PRIME MINISTER VORSTER.

ARE YOU NOW SAYING THAT THIS VERY SPECIFIC SUBJECT IS IN-
CLUDED IN THESE TALKS.

A WHAT I HAVE SAID IS, THE AGENDA IS AN OPEN AGENDA AS FAR AS THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE CONCERNED.

Q BOB, HAVE YOU HAD ANY INFORMATION OR ANY INDICATION THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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SOUTH AFRICA IS NOW READY TO INCLUDE IN ITS WINDHOEK ANNOUNCEMENT, OR REFINE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT. TO SAY IT IS PREPARED TO ANNOUNCE IT WILL HOLD ELECTIONS BEFORE DECEMBER '78?

A I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY CHANGE IN THAT POSITION. IN FACT, MOST RECENTLY, I BELIEVE, IT WAS REAFFIRMED YESTERDAY BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR.

Q CAN YOU CLARIFY THEN WHY PRESIDENT KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA WAS QUOTED AS CRITICIZING WESTERN POWERS FOR DOUBLE DEALING AFTER HIS MEETING WITH MR. ROGERS AND MR. SCHAUFELE?

A YOU WILL HAVE TO ASK THE ZAMBIANS FOR CLARIFICATION. MR. ROGERS AND MR. SCHAUFELE HAD VERY GOOD TALKS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA. AND I AM NOT AWARE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A LINKAGE BETWEEN THE STATEMENT WHICH HE MADE AND HIS MEETING WITH MR. ROGERS AND MR. SCHAUFELE.

Q YOU HAVEN'T TOLD US THAT MR. ROGERS AND MR. SCHAUFELE WERE GOING TO MOZAMBIQUE WHERE THEY ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ON SUNDAY.

A MR. ROGERS IS IN WASHINGTON AND DID NOT GO TO MOZAMBIQUE. MR. SCHAUFELE DID GO TO MOZAMBIQUE, AND THE REASON THAT I HADN'T ANNOUNCED IT ON FRIDAY WAS THAT THE DECISION HAD NOT BEEN MADE ON FRIDAY. IT HAD NOT BEEN WORKED OUT.

Q THIS GOING TO MOZAMBIQUE WOULD SUGGEST POSSIBLY THAT THERE WERE TALKS ABOUT THE GUERRILLA SITUATION ON THAT SIDE OF RHODESIA, RIGHT?

A I DO NOT HAVE ANY REPORT ON MR. SCHAUFELE'S CONVERSATIONS IN MOZAMBIQUE.

Q WHERE IS MR. SCHAUFELE NOW?

A I AM NOT SURE WHETHER HE IS STILL IN MOZAMBIQUE OR HE IS ON HIS WAY BACK, BUT WE EXPECT HIM BACK.

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Q IS HE COMING BACK BEFORE THE SECRETARY LEAVES?

A THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, YES.

Q WILL HE GO BACK WITH HIM OUT? WILL MR. ROGERS GO OUT?

A I BELIEVE BOTH MR. ROGERS AND MR. SCHAUFELD WILL ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY TO ZURICH.

Q BOB, IF HE SHOULD GO ALL THE WAY TO THESE CONTINGENCY PLACES, AND SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD BE THE LAST PLACE, WOULD HE THEN GO BACK TO LONDON?

A I AM JUST NOT ABLE TO SPECULATE ON THAT. LET'S REMEMBER THAT THERE IS A REASON FOR GOING TO LONDON. THE BRITISH HAVE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR RHODESIA.

Q DO THEY STILL?

A WE HAVE REMAINED IN VERY CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE BRITISH CONSISTENTLY ON THIS QUESTION.

Q WILL THE BRITISH CONTINUE TO HAVE--WHAT DID YOU CALL IT?

A PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY.

Q DOES HE EXPECT TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER IN LONDON?

A I DO NOT KNOW. I DO NOT HAVE THAT.

Q WHEN YOU SAY THE 4TH TO THE 6TH, DO YOU MEAN DISCUSSIONS ACTUALLY ON ALL THREE DAYS? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA OF THE DURATION OF THE STAY IN ZURICH?

A THEY WILL BE IN ZURICH ON THE 4TH, AND WE'LL LEAVE ON THE 6TH.

Q AGAIN, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IN TALKING WITH THE BRITISH AND THE REMARKED PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY, REALLY FOCUSES THE WHOLE THING ON RHODESIA, SINCE THEY ARE NO MORE INTERESTED IN SOUTH-WEST AFRICA THAN WE ARE. IN OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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WORDS, THEY HAVE NO PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY THERE, RIGHT?

A THE QUESTION WAS ABOUT THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM, BUT THE

BRITISH--I WOULD NOT MINIMIZE THE INTEREST OF THE BRITISH
IN A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND IN NAMIBIA.
AND THEY SUPPORTED THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, I
BELIEVE.

Q I WOULD LIKE TO ASK A QUESTION ABOUT UNDER SECRETARY
ROGERS' CONTINUING IN THIS CONFIGURATION. I CAN UNDER-
STAND HIS HAVING ECONOMIC AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS WITH THE
COUNTRIES THAT WERE VISITED, WITH MR. SCHAUFELE--BUT DOES
HE HAVE NOW AN ADDED ROLE IN THE DISCUSSIONS ON SOUTHERN
AFRICA?

A UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE WHOLE
QUESTION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA SINCE HE BECAME UNDER SECRETARY
SO HE HAS HAD A ROLE AND HE HAS BEEN AN ADVISOR TO THE
SECRETARY ON THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

Q ON THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS?

A YES.

Q DOES IT ALSO RELATE TO ANY POSSIBLE PLAN THAT THE
UNITED STATES WOULD PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THOSE
WHITE RHODESIANS WHO MIGHT BE OBLIGED OR CARE TO LEAVE
RHODESIA?

A I AM NOT ABLE TO GO INTO ANY DETAILS OF ANY PLAN THAT
MAY EMERGE.

Q BUT IS HIS ROLE PRIMARILY POLITICAL, THEN? OR ARE THERE
ALSO ECONOMIC ASPECTS?

A THERE ARE ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA YOU
KNOW THE WHOLE QUESTION OF THE ECONOMIC HARSHNESS IMPOSED
ON COUNTRIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WHO ABIDE BY THE RHODESIAN
SANCTION PROGRAM--FOR EXAMPLE--IS A LARGE ELEMENT IN
THIS WHOLE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM.

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Q WHAT IS THE ASPECT WITH SOUTH AFRICA?

A I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THERE IS A PARTICULAR ASPECT
AS FAR AS SOUTH AFRICA IS CONCERNED, BUT I WOULD NOT FOCUS
TOO MUCH ON THE FACT THAT HE IS UNDER SECRETARY FOR
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. HE IS ONE OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS IN
THE DEPARTMENT AND HE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE SENIOR ADVISORS
TO THE SECRETARY ON THE WHOLE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM.

Q BOB, JUST ONE MORE THING: THERE OBVIOUSLY WILL BE A

GOOD NUMBER OF AMERICANS WHO WILL BE UNHAPPY WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE SECRETARY IS MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA, PARTICULARLY AT THIS TIME. DO YOU HAVE ANY LANGUAGE AT ALL THERE THAT EXPLAINS WHY IT IS FELT TO BE USEFUL?

A I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IT IS TRUE THAT THERE WILL BE A LARGE MEASURE OF OPPOSITION. THE BLACK CAUCUS IN CONGRESS, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT REPRESENTS, CERTAINLY, SOME PART OF THE BLACK POPULATION, HAS SUPPORTED HIS MEETING WITH VORSTER.

BARRY CHARACTERIZED REVEREND JACKSON IS ONLY BEING ONE CITIZEN, BUT HE REPRESENTS MORE THAN HIMSELF. HE REPRESENTS A PART OF THE BLACK POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND HE IS CERTAINLY IN FAVOR OF IT.

OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES, CERTAINLY THE SO-CALLED "CONFRONTATION STATES," THE BLACK NEIGHBORS OF RHODESIA, HAVE NOT ENCOURAGED THE SECRETARY IN THE FIRST INSTANCE AND HAVE FAVORED THESE MEETINGS WITH MR. VORSTER. INDEED, THEY HAVE MET WITH MR. VORSTER THEMSELVES.

SO I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY MEASURE OF OPPOSITION, GIVEN THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION.

Q DID THEY ENCOURAGE HIM AGAIN, WHEN SCHAUFELE AND ROGERS WENT TO SEE THEM? THAT'S WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO GET. ARE THEY STILL ENCOURAGING?

A YOU CAN CERTAINLY ASSUME THAT THEY ARE STILL IN SUPPORT
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OF THE PROCESS THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING, INCLUDING CONSULTATION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS.

EVEN IF HE HASN'T MET--IF HE HADN'T MADE A DECISION TO MEET WITH THEM UNTIL THIS COMING WEEKEND, WE HAVE REMAINED IN VERY CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS SINCE THE FIRST MEETING.

Q HAS THE IDEA OF THE SECRETARY MAKING A TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA AND MEETING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER IN SOUTH AFRICA BEEN RAISED WITH THE BLACK CAUCUS OR ROVEREND JACKSON?

A I DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT.

Q BUT THAT IS BEING CONSIDERED--YOU ARE NOT RULING THAT OUT, THAT HE COULD--IF HE DOES GO ON TO AFRICA HE COULD TO

TO SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF?

A I AM NOT INDICATING WHICH COUNTRIES ARE GOING TO BE INCLUDED OR WHICH ARE GOING TO EXCLUDED. I AM JUST NOT ABLE TO SPECULATE ON THE ITINERARY OF A TRIP BY THE SECRETARY UNTIL THE DECISION IS MADE TO MAKE THE TRIP.

Q BOB, IF IT WAS NECESSARY TO PUT FORWARD SOME KIND OF ECONOMIC PASSAGE FOR THE RHODESIAN WHITES, WOULD IT INVOLVE AN APPROACH TO THE CONGRESS, OR IS THERE MONEY ALREADY AVAILABLE UNDER PREVIOUS AUTHORIZATIONS?

A I AM REALLY NOT ABLE TO GET INTO A DISCUSSION ON THAT POINT.

Q HAS ANY HIGH-RANKING AMERICAN OFFICIAL BEEN TO SOUTH AFRICA IN RECENT YEARS? OR COULD YOU TELL US WHEN THE LAST ONE WENT? DO YOU KNOW?

A I JUST DO NOT HAVE THAT ANSWER, BUT LET ME LOOK INTO THAT. KISSINGER

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